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NEW FAMILY CODE, BAR LAW PASSED

TO REORGANIZE BAR -- Ilustrowany Kurier Polski, 30 Jun 50

The Sejm has approved the new family code, the first important reform in the civil law of postwar Poland. A law has also been passed to reorganize the bar to serve the interests of socialist Poland. The new law states that the tasks of the bar are to cooperate with the courts and other law-enforcing authorities in Poland and to give legal aid in accordance with the law and the best interests of workers.

Since lawyers must guarantee that their activity will be in accordance with the constitutional principles of a people's state, the law provides for a review of lawyers' qualifications. Flexible fees have been abolished since this practice made it impossible for poor people to hire lawyers to defend their rights. The law also abolishes the right to refuse legal aid without giving an adequate reason. A lawyer is obliged to decline a case if legal aid would conflict with the general interests of the socialist economy.

PUBLISH CRIMINAL LAW MANUAL -- Zycie Warszawy, 7 May 50

The Ministry of Justice has published a new manual of Criminal Law, Criminal Law of the People's Republic of Poland, prepared by I. Andrejew, L. Lernell, and J. Sawicki.

CREATE NEW MINISTRY -- Zycie Warszawy, 17 May 50

The Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland, No 21, published the text of the 26 April 1950 bill concerning the creation of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Science.

The functions of the new Ministry will include: (1) organization and support of scientific research and propagation of scientific discoveries; (2) planning and organization of schools of advanced education; (3) matters

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pertaining to teaching programs and scientific personnel; (4) supreme authority over and administration of advanced schools and scientific research centers; and (5) selection, preparation, and care of students in advanced schools of learning.

LAW SCHOOL OPENED -- Dziennik Zachodni, 20 Jun 50

On 17 June 1950, the Ministry of Justice opened a law school for court officials in Zabrze. Reka, Vice-Minister of the Court of Appeals; Russek, representative of the public prosecutor's office; Penner, chief prosecutor at the Court of Appeals; Ratajczak, first secretary of the Municipal Committee of PZPR in Zabrze; and Stolarczyk, secretary of the MRN (Municipal People's Council) attended the opening of the school.

The school is located in the Municipal Court building and can accommodate 120 students with boarding privileges. Twelve percent of the first group of students were women. Courses will last 14 months.

PARTY TRAINING CENTERS HELP PROPAGANDISTS -- Wolnosc, 15 Jun 50

Bronislawa Grabiela is the director of the Main Party Training Center (Centralny Ośrodek Szkolenia Partyjnego) in Warsaw.

The Party organization in Warsaw had 597 Grade I courses for the study of the Party constitution with 605 lecturers; 322 Grade II advanced courses on special subjects prepared by the Training Department of the PZPR (United Workers' Party), with 437 lecturers; 258 Grade III courses covering the history of VKP(b) and of the Polish labor movement with 258 lecturers; 11 one-year evening schools, and 774 assistants to help those studying the history of VKP(b) and of the Polish labor movement.

The Party Training Centers organize seminars for lecturers and assistants to help them present their subjects and to use educational media books, etc., in their work.

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